

City Administrator Monthly Update April 2015

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City Clerk/Management Services

Healthy Rialto Collaborative

The Healthy Rialto Collaborative meets quarterly to discuss how we can improve current programs and take action on future projects. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 6:00 pm, at the City Clerk/Management Services building located at 290 W. Rialto Avenue. Join us to voice your opinion of how we can better our community. For more information contact the City Clerk's office at 909-820-2519.

Rialto's Certified Farmers' Market

Rialto's Certified Farmers' Market is held every Wednesday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Farmers' Market is located at City Hall where vendors sell a variety of fresh vegetables, fruits and nuts at a reasonable cost to consumers. Come out and see what our local growers have to offer!



Economic Heartbeat of Rialto



Mayor Deborah Robertson's Economic Heartbeat of Rialto can be seen on the Rialto Network, Channels 3 and 99. It is also available on live stream via the City's web site, www.rialtoca.gov. This show is an in-depth interview with local Rialto businesses.

Administrative & Community Services

Finance

The Finance Division has initiated the Fiscal Year 2015/16 budget process working with the rest of the City to present the budget in the month of June. The City Council Budget Workshop is scheduled to be held in May. The Finance Division has also started working on the Fiscal Year 2014/15 3rd Quarter Interim Reports.

Recreation

Excursions

On Thursday, March 19, 2015 the City of Rialto hosted an excursion to Olvera Street and the Griffith Observatory. The trip included transportation and a guided tour of the historic Olvera Street at the cost of \$20.00 per person. The charter bus was filled to capacity with a total of 53 participants and departed from the Rialto Senior Center at

9:00 am. Participants were delighted with great food at Olvera St. and the amazing view of the Hollywood sign from the Griffith Observatory. For more information on upcoming excursions please contact 909-877-9706.

Southpoint Senior Apartment Complex Health Fair

On Wednesday March 25, 2015 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm Recreation and Community Services staff hosted an information booth at the Southpoint Senior Apartment Complex at their health and information fair. Staff provided promotional giveaways to senior residents and informed them of City Wide Special Events as well as on the Excursion program.

Rialto Youth Collaborative Carnival at Rialto City Park

The City of Rialto in collaboration with Christansen Carnival Amusements will be hosting a carnival at Rialto City Park starting Friday, March 21, 2014 through Sunday, March 23, 2014. The carnival will be for the enjoyment of the community at large and will include four children's rides and seven major carnival rides as well as a fun house. Expected attendance for this event is 100+ participants per day. 20% of the event profits will be donated to the Rialto Youth Collaborative to help fund programs for Rialto Youth including Pride Platoon and Fit 4 Kids.

Senior Center

Walgreens held an immunization clinic on Monday, March 2nd from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. They provided flu shots, phenomena shots and shingles immunizations for our senior participants. Walgreens provided vouchers for senior participants that didn't have medical insurance.



Our representive from HICAP came on Wednesday, March 11th from 11:00 am-1:00 pm to provide benefit information to our senior participants. HICAP is part of the national network of State Health Insurance and Assistance Programs, a member of California Health Advocates, and funded in part by the California Department of Aging.

Our Crochet Club made a variety of blankets, mittens, booties, hats and car seat covers to donate to the San Bernardino Resource Pregnancy Center. The group is composed of dedicated and caring volunteers. They also collected toiletries to give to the expectant mothers. The Crochet Club meets on Monday from 9:00-11:00 am in the Seniors 2000 room.



Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center

We would like to welcome 32 new and renewed annual members and 8 trial members to the City of Rialto's Racquet and Fitness Center this month. We look forward to introducing our new clients to other areas of fitness that we offer here at the facility like

Vibe Fitness Boot Camp and Personal Training, swimming lessons, group exercise classes, etc. Their fitness goals become ours as we strive to provide them with the best customer service and assistance in the facility. Our floor staff is scheduled throughout the day to show our clients how to use each machine and inform clients of upcoming events within the facility and City.

This month marked the last month of our \$0 joining fee special. April starts our Summer Savings Special for our Specialized Group Exercise Classes. Monthly Passes are just \$30.00, a savings of \$6.00. Clients who are solely interested in one class type will benefit from this summer savings. We look forward to enhancing our client's experience with the variety of options we have for the community to get fit.

All our treadmills have been replaced with newer more efficient treadmills. Clients are enjoying the new equipment. Our cardio room is almost complete. We hope to replace our old Cardio Theater with a better system to enhance the client's experience. We invite fitness seeking individuals, from beginning to advanced, to our facility. We have programs to fit every age and ability.



As a token of gratitude and appreciation, the Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center will be launching a new and FREE informational service this spring to our members and paid quests. For more information please contact us at (909) 820-2611 x107.

We are preparing to host monthly member appreciation days where we have a rotation of a variety of activities offered throughout the year in addition to our daily programs and classes. Members can bring a guest for free that day in hopes of turning them into regular attending members.

Tom Sawyer Swimming Pool

Our swimming pool programs are picking up. Since the pool has reopened we have enrolled and served 73 swim lesson participants. We started our summer hours early to widen our public swim hours to serve the youth that were out on spring break. We saw 517 day pass and trial pass holders at the pool alone. This does not include our regular gym member usage.



We will be hosting our annual Drowning Prevention and Safety Day event on Saturday, April 11th from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Come join this <u>free</u> fun and informative event, cosponsored by the Kiwanis Club of East Rialto.

Spring Camp

Spring Camp was a great success this year. The program was offered to youth ages 5-12 years of age and ran for two weeks, from March 16 – March 27, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. The camp was held at the Community Center, Room 501 at the

affordable cost of \$30 per week. The camp proved to be most popular among kids ages 8-10 and most first-week campers returned for the second week. Both weeks surpassed our projected numbers with 21 enrollments on the first week and 16 enrollments on the second week.

A Spring Camp day consisted of various activities like Sports, Arts & Crafts, Educational Enrichment, Personal Development, Nutrition, and much more! Kids had fun with crafts and activities like making slime, moon sand, planting flower and vegetable seeds, and making their own spring candy-filled piñatas. Kids and parents alike are already excited and looking forward to Summer Camp!



KidStuff

The Kidstuff program is awaiting some new and exciting changes in the upcoming year. We recently received our shipment of new TV's that are part of our updated curriculum to be soon implemented. We are also still continuing the process of renovating the Tiny Tots and preschool classrooms.

Fit4Kids

Fit4Kids welcomed 7 new participants this month and are looking forward to planning this summer's Sports and Fitness Camp. This year our summer camp will run the duration of the RUSD summer and hopes to serve 80-100 participants. We are currently planning to host the camp at 2 locations. Rialto Racquet & Fitness Center and the Community Center in downtown Rialto. For more information please contact Wayne or Christina (909) 820-2611.



Our Fit4Kids program had a great turn out for nutrition week where the participants had a great discussion and were given examples of the importance of good nutrition to help lead a healthy life. Exercise and nutrition go hand in hand.

Youth Sports

Winter Season of Youth Basketball has been one of the best seasons to date. Parents, coaches and players truly appreciate the new format and more competitive teams. This season has made for the most evenly matched teams in all divisions. Pictures have been delivered and the



season will be taking a short break for the Easter holiday coming in April. The season is scheduled to run through March and end on 4/18/2015.

The Rialto Pride season has come to an end, with the summer season slated to begin on 6/6/2015. The Pride will host a skills assessment/tryout in May. This season of the Pride will come to an end in March. The Pride has an interest list that continues to grow, as more people are becoming aware of the winning tradition that is the Rialto Pride. As always, the Rialto Pride would like to send a huge thank you to volunteer coach Jovon Jenkins for all his hard work and dedication to the team.

Girls Volleyball

The winter season of volleyball continues to excite and ignite interest in the sport. Division 1 and 2 boast highly competitive matches. Division 1 has a mixed field. This division will host a playoff and championship. The teams are evenly matched and matches can span for upwards of 75 minutes. This division has grown consistently, showing a genuine community interest in the sport.

Little Tots Basketball

This season of Little Tots ended on March 14, 2015. The parents were extremely happy for their child's progress. The parents threw an impromptu banquet on the final day of their session. Our next Little Tots Sport will be Tee –Ball, which began on April 4th, 2015.

Adult Basketball

The winter season of Adult Basketball ended on March 28th, 2015. The Play-offs will begin after the Easter Break on April 4th, 2015. There will be 8 teams vying for the title of champion. This league has galvanized the community and become a "Sunday Night event." Since its conception, the Rialto Basketball League has consistently given the community thrills and excitement. This season will be a memorable one to say the least.



Elementary Basketball Season

The Rialto Unified School District has asked the Rialto Recreation Department to administer and facilitate its entire Elementary school basketball program. With little more than 2 weeks, the Recreation and Community Services Division created teams, garnered coaches, created a season schedule, crafted jerseys, and hosted 2 weeks of game play for the month of March. This league is comprised of only R.U.S.D. elementary school students. We have created 10 teams from 16 schools. The games have proved to be just as exciting as our standard recreation leagues. This season will be taking an Easter break, and ending on May 30, 2015.

Share Your Talents and Earn Extra Income!

The Rialto Recreation and Community Services division is currently seeking instructors to expand the selection of fee-based special interest classes offered to the Rialto community. If you have a special talent and want to earn extra income teaching it to others, then come and partner with us! We will provide and maintain facilities, handle registration, and provide direct mail advertising to 32,000 residential and business addresses! Call 421-4949 and ask for Jessica Perez.

Human Resources

Applicant Processing/Employee New Hires

Human Resources has received and screened 614 applicants in the last 30 days. We have hired and processed 2 new employee and 3 promotions:

FULL-TIME

Employee Name	Position Title	Department
Jesus Carrete, Jr.	Fire Engineer (Promotion)	Fire
Robert Eisenbeisz	Director of Public Works/City Engineer	Public Works
Kevin Stapleton	Fire Captain (Promotion)	Fire

PART-TIME

Employee Name	Position Title	Department
Kiara Brown	Administrative Aide (Promotion)	City Clerk
Isaac Cook	Recreation Leader	Recreation

CURRENT OPEN RECRUITMENTS

The City of Rialto is currently hiring for the following positions:

Position Title	Closing Date	Position Type
Aerobics Instructor II	Continuous	Part-Time
Construction Inspector	04/02/15	Full-Time
Emergency Dispatcher II	Continuous	Full-Time
Lifeguard	Continuous	Part-Time
Lifeguard/WSI	Continuous	Part-Time
Police Officer (Lateral)	Continuous	Full-Time
Reserve Police Officer	Continuous	Volunteer

Upcoming Recruitments

The City of Rialto accepts job interest cards for future openings, please visit our website at www.rialtoca.gov and click on "jobs" to sign up.

Prescription Drug Discount Program

The **Prescription Discount Card** is made available to residents by the City of Rialto in collaboration with the National League of Cities (NLC) and is made possible through City of Rialto membership in NLC.

The card is **FREE to all City of Rialto residents**, regardless of age, income or existing health insurance. By using this card you **may save an average of 20%** off the regular retail price of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. *This program is* <u>NOT insurance</u>. Discounts are only available at participating pharmacies.

Discount cards are available at:

- * City of Rialto website: http://www.rialtoca.gov
- * Human Resources 246 S. Willow Ave.
- * Senior Center 1411 S. Riverside Ave.
- * Library 251 W. First Street
- * Recreation 214 N. Palm Ave., #204
- * Chamber of Commerce 120 N. Riverside Ave.

Development Services Department

Airport Redevelopment Update

On March 16, 2015 demolition work commenced for the **Phase I Demolition Project**, which entails removal of the vertical hangar structures. The City Council awarded a contract to Pantano Demolition from Fresno in the amount of \$98,700. The demolition work will continue for approximately 30 days.





Pantano Demolition commenced work removing the remaining hangar structures at the Airport. Demolition of vertical structures will continue for approximately 30 days, and then followed with removal of all horizontal improvements such as asphalt and concrete. Finally, the soil will be analyzed and remediated for hazardous materials.

On March 10, 2015 the City Council awarded a contract to Tafoya & Associates from Chino Hills to remove three underground storage tanks. The tanks will be removed, hazardous materials (if any) remediated, and backfilled. The contract amount is \$59,951.

On March 24, 2015 the City Council awarded a contract to West-Tech Contracting Inc. from Escondido for the **Phase II Demolition/Remediation Project**. The Phase II Project entails removal of the asphalt and concrete surfaces and remediation of

hazardous substances. The contract amount is \$998,605. The Regional Water Quality Control Board will oversee implementation of the remediation project.

The County Sheriff will formally vacate its facility on April 1, 2015 as required by the Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement. The City is soliciting bids to remove the underground storage tanks and demolish the improvements. The City will pay for the cost of demolition work and the County will pay for any remediation work required to satisfy governmental standards.

On March 24, 2015 the City Council approved a Construction Reimbursement Agreement with Lewis Hillwood Rialto LLC (LHR) to construct the \$15 million **Miro Way Project**. The project entails construction and reconstruction of Miro Way from Alder Avenue to Linden Avenue, and installation of a storm drain from Alder Avenue to the Cactus Basins. This improvement project will provide flooding relief on Baseline Road and open up development opportunities north of Miro Way. LHR replaced I-210 Logistics as the construction manager for this project.

On March 26, 2015 the first two land purchasers (Niagara and Medline) pulled grading permits and commenced work. Both users hope to open up for business late this year. The City received a gross sales price of \$14.5 million, and after making payments to LHR (\$2.6 million) to repay relocation advances and SBIAA (\$1.6 million) to satisfy the federal closure legislation, the City banked \$10.3 million.

The San Bernardino International Airport Authority continues construction on the general aviation facility and the County Sheriff's Aviation facility. The general aviation facilities are scheduled for completion in August, 2015 and the Sheriff plans to take occupancy by December, 2015.

Retail Sales Report

The State Board of Equalization periodically reports sales taxes for all cities in California. The table below illustrates the total taxable sales volume for all cities in Western San Bernardino County during 2012. For comparison purposes, the table also computes the per capita retail sales by sales category.

Rialto Area Retail Sales Comparisons Calendar Year 2012

		Taxab	le Sales (in \$th	ousands)	Per Ca	pita Taxable S	Sales
	7/01/12	Retail	All Other	Total	All Taxable	Non-Retail	Retail Store
City	HH Population	Store Sales	Outlets	Taxable Sales	Sales	Sales	Sale
Ontario	165,383	\$3,628,744	\$2,168,272	\$5,797,016	\$35,052	\$13,111	\$21,94
Montclair	36,772	\$833,614	\$101,656	\$935,270	\$25,435	\$2,765	\$22,67
Chino	72,369	\$907,781	\$673,445	\$1,581,226	\$21,850	\$9,306	\$12.54
Loma Linda	22,669	\$269,687	\$81,002	\$350,689	\$15,470	\$3,573	\$11,89
Redlands	67,161	\$802,551	\$144,367	\$946,918	\$14,099	\$2,150	\$11,95
Rancho Cucamonga	166,631	\$1,736,078	\$548,354	\$2,284,432	\$13,710	\$3,291	\$10,41
Fontana	199,616	\$1,890,323	\$594,644	\$2,484,967	\$12,449	\$2,979	\$9,47
Upland	73,916	\$755,379	\$152,437	\$907,816	\$12,282	\$2,062	\$10,21
San Bernardino City	204,654	\$2,049,832	\$372,383	\$2,422,215	\$11,836	\$1,820	\$10,010
Colton	52,394	\$403,344	\$129,877	\$533,221	\$10,177	\$2,479	\$7,69
Rialto	100,304	\$512,518	\$366,225	\$878,743	\$8,761	\$3,651	\$5,11
Grand Terrace	12,078	\$38,448	\$48,812	\$87,260	\$7,225	\$4,042	\$3,183
Highland	53,522	\$181,774	\$14,007	\$195,781	\$3,658	\$262	\$3,39
Totals for West County	1,227,466	\$14,010,073	\$5,395,481	\$19,405,554	\$15,809	\$4,396	\$11,41
San Bernardino County	2,046,286	\$19,980,937	\$9,550,983	\$29,531,920	\$14,432	\$4,667	\$9,76
Rialto as % West County	8.2%	3.7%	6.8%	4.5%	55.4%	83.1%	44.89
Rialto as % County	4.9%	2.6%	3.8%	3.0%	60.7%	78.2%	52.3%

Some of the more noteworthy comparisons include:

- All Taxable Sales per Capita. Rialto performs at the lower end of the scale for all taxable sales per capita (\$8,761). Only the cities of Grand Terrace and Highland perform worse (both smaller bedroom communities). Rialto realizes only 55.4% of the West San Bernardino County average and 60.7% of the County of San Bernardino average. A significant portion of the substandard performance is caused by the lack of auto sales, which account for \$1,500 \$2,000 per capita in other communities.
- Retail Store Sales per Capita. Rialto fares poorly in the brick and mortar retail store sales for the same reasons. Rialto realizes per capita retail store sales of \$5,110, compared to a countywide average of \$9,764 a "leakage" of \$4,654 per capita compared to the County of San Bernardino. Again, the lack of auto sales represents the largest void, but sales also leak from apparel, general merchandise, home furnishings, and restaurants. Rialto expects to capture some of the leaking sales with the development of the Wal-Mart Supercenter project later this year, and the Renaissance Town Center in 2016.
- Industrial Sales Per Capita. Rialto performs much better on sales that occur from non-traditional retail sources, primarily business to business transactions. These would include industrial users such as Rialto Concrete Pipe or State Pipe and Supply, both heavy construction material producers. Rialto achieves the third highest sales per capita (\$3,651) in this category (ignoring Grand Terrace) after Ontario (\$13,111) and Chino (\$9,306). Cities with well-developed industrial/warehouse sectors tend to perform much better in this category, and the sales are largely independent of the demographics and competitive positioning so relevant for retail store sales. Rialto expects to significantly expand its capture from this sector of retail sales as it builds out its industrial sector.

Institute of Progress

On Thursday, March 26, the Development Services Department presented information to the 3rd semi-annual class of students attending the Rialto Institute of Progress. The topic was "Evolution of the City, Building for Tomorrow". The Development Services Director and management staff educated students regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Planning, Building, Code, Economic Development, and Housing/SA Divisions of the City. As in prior presentations, students were polled regarding topical City issues provoking a lively debate about the role of City government in controlling community growth and quality of life.

Planning Commission Summary

The Planning Commission reviewed the following projects in March:

- Conditional Development Permit No. 763 and Variance No. 707. The Planning Commission approved a request to allow the development of a sixty (60) foot mono-pine wireless telecommunications facility at an existing church site located at 1397 W. Etiwanda Avenue within the R-1 C (Single Family Residential) zone and to allow a variance from Section 18.111.050A (Locational Preference) of the Rialto Municipal Code to allow the installation of a wireless telecommunication facility within 200 feet of an existing residential structure.
- Conditional Development Permit No. 758. The Planning Commission approved a request to allow the development of a 9,458 square foot five-unit apartment building on 0.32 acres of land located on the west side of Orange Avenue approximately 200 feet

south of 3rd Street within the MFR (Multi-Family Residential) zone of the Central Area Specific Plan.

- Variance No. 706. The Planning Commission approved a request to allow a Variance from Section 18.10.030I and Section 18.52.030 of the Rialto Municipal Code to reduce the required side and rear building setback from five feet to zero feet and to increase the allowable lot coverage from 30.0% to 30.6% to permit an accessory structure at an existing single family residence located at 1040 S. Larch Avenue within the R-1C (Single Family Residential) zone.
- **Tentative Parcel Map 19605.** The Planning Commission approved a request to consolidate thirteen parcels of land into one 55.22 acre parcel of land to facilitate the development of a 1,070,320 square foot warehouse building for Medline Industries.
- Conditional Development Permit No. 766. The Planning Commission approved a request by Fountainhead Development to allow the development of a 1,990 square foot commercial building (Coffee Bean) with drive-through service on 1.03 acres of vacant land located on the north side of Easton Street approximately 150 feet east of Riverside Avenue within the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone.
- Median Island Options for Riverside Avenue, South of Merrill Avenue. The Planning Commission confirmed the recommendation of the Transportation Commission and forwarded a recommendation to the City Council
- Election of Officers Calendar Year 2015. The Planning Commission elected Jerry Gutierrez as the Chair for 2015 and John Peukert as Vice Chair.

During the month of March 2015 the Planning Division reviewed 11 site plans for future development projects as follows:

- Warehouse Shoe Store. Development of a 14,027 square foot shoe store and a 15,000 square foot multi-tenant building on 2.49 acres of land located at the northeast corner of Foothill Boulevard and Cactus Avenue.
- Crestwood Communities. Development of 70 detached single-family homes on approximately 9.0 acres of land located on the west side of Cactus Avenue approximately 600 feet south of Merrill Avenue.
- CapRock Partners. Development of a 527,800 square foot warehouse building on 24.37 acres of land located at the northeast corner of Willow Avenue and Santa Ana Avenue in the Agua Mansa Specific Plan.
- **Shaw Properties.** Development of a 175,900 square foot warehouse building on 8.42 acres of land located at the northeast corner of Base Line Road and Laurel Avenue in the Renaissance Specific Plan.
- **EZE Trucking.** Development of a truck trailer storage yard on 4.7 acres of land located on the east side of Locust Avenue, approximately 1,300 feet south of Casa Grande Drive.
- **Nelson Adams.** Occupancy of 160 North Cactus Avenue for a supplier of school cafeteria tables and dry erase boards. The owner is planning to construct an approximately 20,000 square foot addition to the existing warehouse structure to expand their operations.

- Athens. The county landfill operator, Athens, intends to install a fuel storage tank onsite near the truck scales. The 10,000 gallon tank will be for split storage (2,000 gallon/8,000 gallon) of two types for diesel fuel for use by operating vehicles only.
- Verizon Wireless. Modification of an existing mono-pine wireless telecommunications facility located at 172 West Base Line Road for co-location of twelve new panel antennas.
- Jose and Blanca Gutierrez. Development of a contractor's yard on a 2.27 acre site located at 2173 South Cactus Avenue.
- Sperry Commercial. Development of a 58 unit townhome project on a 2 acre parcel south side of Foothill Boulevard west of Spruce Street.
- Foothill Specific Plan. Development of a residential townhome project on the north side of Foothill Boulevard between Larch Avenue and Spruce Avenue.

Business Licensing

The City welcomed the following businesses to Rialto during the month of March 2015. The City sent each of these new businesses a welcome letter and a statement of appreciation for choosing Rialto as their business home.

Business Name	Address	Goods/Service
Abe Insurance Service	444 N. Willow	Insurance Service
Auto Mission L & R	1345 N. Fitzgerald #R	Auto Service
Glitz' N Glam	128 W. Baseline Rd.	Retail
GT Tires	2610 S. Riverside #B	Retail
Lady MV	2012 N. Riverside	Retail
Rainbow Reality	344 N. Riverside	Real Estate
Tellez Income Tax	290 N. Riverside	Income Tax Service

Implementation of Measure U

The Business License Division began implementation of the liquid fuel storage tax in March 2015. Notices regarding the tax were sent to property owners and to the physical address(es) of each such business in the City.

On November 4, 2014 Rialto voters adopted Measure U and enacted a liquid fuel storage tax. Measure U is a business license tax on wholesale liquid fuel storage facilities located within the City. On December 9, 2014, the Rialto City Council certified the election results and adopted Ordinance No. 1556 providing that any person engaged in the business of owning, operating, leasing, supplying or providing a wholesale liquid fuel storage facility shall pay an annual business license tax. On January 13, 2015 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 6685, which set the amount of the business license tax on wholesale liquid fuel storage facilities at one dollar (\$1.00) per year per cubic foot of liquid fuel storage capacity.

Building Division Report

The Building Division is moving forward with new construction projects in plancheck review and Airport related activity. The 1st phase of the Airport Demolition project is underway and on schedule.

During the month of March 2015 the Building Division provided the following services:

- <u>Plancheck Submittals</u>. 59 plans were submitted for plancheck with the majority being solar applications. An apartment complex at the southwest corner of Riverside Avenue and Bloomington Avenue was submitted for plancheck.
- <u>Plancheck Approvals</u>. The Building Division approved 45 plans for permit issuance, primarily for remodeling, solar installations and tenant improvement projects. The average review period for first plan check was 13 calendar days.
- <u>Building Permits Issued.</u> The Building Division issued 232 building permits. Plancheck and permit receipts totaled \$51,723. Total building permit and plancheck revenues for FY15 are \$1,527,041, compared to \$1,061,115 for the same period during FY14.
- <u>Development Impact Fees Collected</u>. The Building Division did not collect any development impact fees during February. Total development impact fee receipts for FY 15 are \$1,603,987 compared to \$1,392,291 during the same period during FY14.
- <u>Building Inspections</u>. The City's building inspectors performed 595 inspections, or 35 inspections per working day.
- <u>Final Certificates of Occupancy.</u> The Building Division issued final certificates of occupancy for a total of 20 projects.

Code Enforcement Services

The Code Enforcement Division received 47 new complaints during the month of March, issued 117 Notices of Violation, 5 Administrative Citations, assessed \$64,500 in fines, and issued 3 Court Citations. Code Enforcement received 163 calls and counter inquiries and conducted the following special enforcement activities:

- **Illegal Weekend Yard Sales.** Code Enforcement Officers, and Code Enforcement Volunteers contacted and educated 8 citizens in regards to unpermitted weekend yard sales in the month of March.
- Illegal Weekend Food and Flower Vendors. Code Enforcement Officers contacted 4 street peddlers throughout the City's main commercial thoroughfares. Code Enforcement Officers also contacted and cited 3 illegal food vendors in City parks.
- Scavengers. Code Enforcement Officers continue to work with Rialto Police Department and Burrtec Disposal Services and contacted 8 scavengers, citing 3

for violation of RMC 8.08.030 (unlawful collection) and for RMC 9.98.090 (c) (possession of a shopping cart).

• **Homeless Encampments.** Code Enforcement, Police, and Public Works conducted a joint clean up in the rural field area of the 2100 block of N. Oakdale for homeless encampments. Public Works removed two encampments and Code Enforcement issued 1 citation for unlawful camping.

DOF Approves Successor Agency's Long-Range Property Management Plan

On March 10, 2015, the California Department of Finance approved the Long-Range Property Management Plan ("LRPMP") to manage the disposition of the Successor Agency's 69 properties totaling approximately 128 acres. The Redevelopment Dissolution Act established four potential disposition categories for properties held by successor agencies: 1) parcels retained by the City for a governmental use; 2) parcels retained by the City for future development; 3) parcels retained to satisfy enforceable obligations; and, 4) parcels liquidated for the benefit of taxing entities. The approved LRPMP allows the Successor Agency to immediately dispose of its real estate assets for the benefit of various taxing entities.

Housing Authority Selects Affordable Housing Partner

On March 24, 2015, the Rialto Housing Authority Board selected a partnership of National Community/Related Companies/Young Homes/LaBarge Industries to develop one or more affordable housing projects in downtown. The selection was in response to a Request for Qualifications released by the Rialto Housing Authority in October 2014. The Authority holds approximately \$5.5 million of housing bond funds and owns property to support such development. The selected partner intends to submit at least one proposal for consideration later this year. Staff anticipates holding meetings to obtain input on proposed projects with affected property owners and City commissions.

City to Host a First-Time Homebuyer Fair on May 9 at Rialto Senior Center

On May 9, the City and Neighborhood Partnership Housing Services ("NPHS") will host a first-time homebuyer fair. The event is scheduled from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Rialto Senior Center at 1411 South Riverside Avenue, Rialto CA. Attendees will learn about:

- Down Payment Assistance Programs
- Qualifying for a Mortgage Loan
- Understanding Credit
- Shopping for a Home
- Budgeting and Savings

Those interested in attending are encouraged to make a reservation by calling (909) 988-5979 or by going to rialtohomebuyer.evenbrite.com.

Strategic Growth Council Announces Round 1 AHSC Program Winners

On March 18, 2015 the Strategic Growth Council invited applications from 54 project proponents from 22 counties throughout California under the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC). The AHSC Program provides grants and

loans to support affordable housing and community development projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The AHSC Program replaces some of the affordable housing funding lost when redevelopment agencies were dissolved in 2012. Unfortunately, the Inland Empire was not asked to submit a single project application for Round 1. This brought an immediate protest from the Southern California Association of Governments. The funding formulas strongly favor heavily urbanized communities, with most of the Round 1 approvals directed toward Bay Area applicants.

Police Department

Follow Rialto PD on Facebook



Facebook allows law enforcement to connect with their communities, post news and alerts, investigate and even solve crimes using information they collect through the site. It's a great way to get feedback, hear opinions, and engage in dialogue with the community you serve. Keep up with what's happening in your community. Visit us on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/RialtoPD.

RPD Virtual Neighborhood Watch

Nextdoor is free for residents! Each neighborhood creates its own private Nextdoor website, accessible only to residents of that neighborhood. Rialto residents can use Nextdoor share information about neighborhood watch issues, local events, and local activities.



Nextdoor was specifically designed to make neighbors feel comfortable sharing information with one another in order to help build stronger communities. Neighborhoods establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor website. Information shared on each Nextdoor site is only visible to members who live in the neighborhood and who have verified their address.

For more information you may contact your area commander, Lieutenant Andy Karol, or the Department's Community Liaison at <a href="mailto:community-communit

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NIXLE is a free service that allows community members to receive trusted, up-to-the-minute, neighborhood information for where you live, work, visit, or for where your family and friends are located throughout

the country. You choose the information you want, for the locations you want, from urgent public safety alerts to less time sensitive advisories and community information. You choose how you want to receive the information, whether it's over your cell phone by text message, by email or over the web (or all of the above). You stay connected to what is happening in the community at locations that are relevant to you. Registration is FREE, SIMPLE, and SECURE!

For more information, please contact Lieutenant Andy Karol at 909-820-2526 or email at akarol@rialtopd.com.

Coffee with the Chief



Coffee with the Chief" offers resident's an opportunity to personally meet their Police Chief and other representatives in a casual setting. At "Coffee with the Chief" community members will learn about the police department, special projects, and other related events.

Please join Chief Tony Farrar for our next "Coffee with the Chief" April 14, 2015, 8:00 – 9:00 am, at Coco's – 1683 S. Riverside Avenue. For additional information, please contact Jeanette Lopez at 909-820-2565 or email to ilopez@rialtopd.com.

New Police Department Program

The Rialto Police Department would like to introduce its new community campaign - Report it, Don't Ignore it! This campaign was brought about to remind everyone of the importance of reporting crime or suspicious activity. In 2014, together as a community, we reduced property crime by -20.94% and violent crime by -24.42%. As we move into 2015, we want to continue with this positive trend so - Report it, Don't Ignore it!

RPD Women in Law Enforcement Fitness Challenge

On March 21, 2015, the Rialto Police Department held its first "Women's Fitness Challenge." This event was open to all women 20 years of age and older and consisted of guest speakers, brief presentations by women law enforcement officers, and a fitness challenge to evaluate the physical readiness of those wishing to pursue law enforcement as a career.



This was an excellent event with over sixty women in attendance. Should you require and additional information, please contact Corporal Vicki Gerard at 909-820-2603 or email at vgerard@rialtopd.com, or Deidre Cook at 909-421-4926 or email at dcook@rialtopd.com.

Area Command Program and Community Meetings

In 2014, the Police Department in an effort to increase efficiency combined its area community meetings (the north end areas were combined into one meeting and the south end areas were combined into one meeting).

The North Area Community Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015, and will be held at Sunrise Mission Church – 690 W. Etiwanda Avenue. Lieutenant Kathy Thompson is the North Area Commander and she can be reached at 909-820-2560 or kthompson@rialtopd.com.

The South Area Community Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2015, and will be held at the Inland Lighthouse Church – 1123 S. Cactus Avenue. Lieutenant Jim Kurkoske is the South Area Commander and can be reached at 909-820-2568 or jkurkoske@rialtopd.com.

Safety Reminder from the RPD Traffic Unit

There are plenty of facts, figures and details about distracted driving, but let's get the plain and simple ones on the table first:

- 80 percent of vehicle crashes involve some sort of driver inattention.
- Up to 6000 people nationwide are killed in crashes where driver distractions are involved.
- Talking on a cell phone or texting is the number one source of driver distractions.
- Texting takes your eyes off the road for an average of five seconds, far enough to travel the length of a football field at 55 mph. Most crashes happen with less than 3 seconds reaction time.
- The act of talking on a cell phone, even hands free, can give you "inattention blindness," where your brain isn't seeing what's right in front of you. You aren't even aware that you are driving impaired. If you think you can handle both driving and talking on a cell phone or texting, you are kidding yourself and putting us all at risk.

Distracted driving is anything that takes your eyes or mind off the road or your hands off the steering wheel - especially texting and cell phone use, whether hands-free or handheld. Who's doing it? Most of us. It has been estimated that, at any one time, over 10 percent of drivers are using a mobile device. A ticket for \$159 for texting or talking on a cell phone is a major distraction to



your wallet. What can you do? Most important, obey the law. It's there for a reason. Also, do your best to eliminate distractions:

- Never text and drive
- Turn off your phone when you get behind the wheel
- Don't text or call someone when you know they are likely to be driving
- Make a pact with your family, spouse, and caregivers never to use the phone with kids in the car.
- Don't program your GPS, MP3 player or other devices while driving
- Pull over and stop to read maps.
- No reading
- If something falls to the floor, pull over before trying to reach it.

DUI Checkpoint

On Friday, March 20, 2015, the Rialto Police Traffic Unit conducted a DUI/CDL checkpoint in the 1400 Block of W. Foothill Blvd. Of the 1186 vehicles that entered the checkpoint 91 persons were screened for further investigation. One arrest was made for DUI and four others were arrested for active warrants.

Every 15 Minutes Program

The "Every 15 Minutes" is a powerful program that offers real-life experience without the real-life risks. This emotionally charged program is an event designed to dramatically instil teenagers with the potential dangerous consequences of drinking alcohol, using drugs, driving under the influence, driving while impaired, and distracted driving.



This program will challenge students to think about drinking, personal safety, and responsibility of making mature decisions when lives are involved. This year's program will be held April 29-30, 2015, at Carter High School. For more information on this program please contact Sergeant Dave Shepherd at 909-820-2582 or email to dshepherd@rialtopd.com.

Fire Department

Welcome Your Newly Promoted Fire Captain and Fire Engineer

The RFD is pleased to announce the promotions of two of our members: Kevin Stapleton, who was promoted to the position of fire captain, and Jesus Carrete, who was promoted to the position of fire engineer. During an extremely competitive promotional exam process, these candidates proved their abilities perform exceptionally well in these positions. Each of these members will vacancies left by recent retirements.

Our new captain, Kevin Stapleton, joined the Rialto Fire Department as a Firefighter in 2004. He promoted to Fire Engineer in 2013. In addition to his regular responsibilities Kevin serves Rialto as a Fire Investigator. Kevin is your 2008 Firefighter of the Year. Kevin is an amazing ambassador for your fire department and is the perennial master of ceremonies for Rialto Fire Department presentations.



The promotion of Fire Captain Stapleton created a Fire Engineer vacancy to which Firefighter Jesus Carrete was promoted. Jesus joined the Rialto Fire Department as a Firefighter in 2003. Jesus is one of the quite workhorses that keep the fire department moving forward. Jesus is a certified driver and was the highest ranked firefighter on the Fire Engineer promotional list. In his new role as Fire Engineer Jesus will be responsible for the safe delivery of fire department personnel to the scene of emergencies.

Department Training

Driving a 35,000 pound fire engine with lights and sirens safely to a scene and then being able to utilize the fire pump and specialized equipment aboard fire apparatus requires initial and ongoing training to establish and maintain this critical fire service skillset. Recently eight of your Rialto firefighters joined firefighters from Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside County Fire Departments in a week long driver operator training course. Personnel learned both about the mechanics of fire



apparatus as well as their safe operation. Personnel got behind-the-wheel training in a variety of scenarios to ensure they can safely operate fire apparatus in the dynamic environments that your firefighters are called to.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Rialto Fire Department is proud to sponsor Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for our community members. The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may affect their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their



neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

The next CERT classes will be held on the following dates:

- Session 1 Thursday, April 23, 2015 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Session 2 Saturday, April 25, 2015 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- Session 3 Tuesday, April 28, 2015 6:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
- Session 4 Thursday, April 30, 2015 6:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
- Session 5 Saturday, May 2, 2015 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

CERT Basic Training is conducted during five (5) sessions. Attendance of all five sessions is required to receive a certificate. Participation is open to individuals eighteen (18) years or older. Individuals sixteen to eighteen (16-18) years old may attend, if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. For more information and to sign up for the class on-line, go to http://www.rialtoca.gov/fire_642.php, or call us at (909) 820-2501.



Weed Abatement

The warming weather and dry winter means that weeds and other problematic vegetation will be drying out and creating a fire hazard. Open fields in the city can serve as a ripe fuel bed for fires that can spread to structures and other valuable property. In order to minimize this risk, the Rialto Fire Department manages a weed abatement program that ensures that all property owners clear their lots to protect us all. As part of the program, letters will be sent property owners on April 2nd, providing details on how to clear weeded areas so that our fire danger is minimized. Properties that have hazardous amounts of weeds or other vegetation must be cleaned by May 1st. For more information on the Fire Department's weed abatement program, please call Fire Administration at (909) 820-2501.





CPR and Basic First Aid Training

Would you know how to help if someone was injured or needed CPR? One of the most important steps that you can take to help your family and friends in a time of need is to learn these basic skills that you can use before the fire department arrives. To help with this, the RFD is offering CPR and basic first aid classes for members of our community. Classes will be held on the third Thursday of each month at fire station 203, located at 1550 N. Ayala Dr.



The classes are offered in two sessions. The CPR class is taught by our certified instructors from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Upon successful completion, you receive Basic Life Support CPR certification card from the American Heart Association. The cost of the class is \$50.00 which covers all required manuals, AHA certification costs, and your own one-way pocket mask that is used to deliver breaths when performing CPR.



The basic first aid portion of the training then picks up from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This class uses standardized curriculum to give the student the ability to properly deal with a variety of medical and traumatic events. The cost of this class is \$20.00 which includes the instruction, hands-on training, and student manual.

Both of these classes offer an excellent opportunity to learn important skills that can save a life. For more information, please contact the Rialto Fire Department at (909) 820-2692.

Emergency Medical Services Update

RFD the First in the Western U.S. to deliver New Trauma Treatment

Last month we told you about a new drug called Tranexamic Acid (TXA) that the RFD would be using as part of a trial study. TXA has been used in military combat situations and has been found to increase survival rates by up to 50% in trauma patients with significant bleeding. The study is now underway, and this March the RFD was the first in the Western U.S. to administer the drug to a critical trauma patient. This trial study will continue for the next 24 months with the promise of a significant decrease in the mortality of trauma patients with significant bleeding.

Tracking Efficiency

Last year, the RFD transitioned to a comprehensive system of electronic incident reporting. Through this system, we are now able to identify trends that measure efficiencies as well as system needs. As an example of the trends we can now track, we found that the fire department has responded to a significant increase in cardiac arrest patients (approximately 100%) during the month of March. Although there are a number of factors that could be contributing to this trend, we do know that treatment by our paramedics resulted in a return of circulation in 20% of the patients. This represents a survival rate of nearly four-times that of the national average. Much of this improved survival rate can be attributed to our response configuration (lower response times), and advanced treatment methods that RFD uses that go beyond the minimum standards that most other agencies use. This is just one example of the enhanced services that the Rialto community enjoys through a well-trained, progressive fire department.

Remember Fire Safety While Spring Cleaning

With the arrival of spring come blue skies, blooming flowers and spring cleaning. This is the perfect time for a refresher on fire safety tips that should be followed year-round. Keeping fire safety in mind when doing things around the house, like cleaning dryer's lint filter after each load of laundry, will help prevent fires.

Important spring cleaning home fire safety tips from the NFPA:

Fact: The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.

- Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing

Fact: Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.

- Ensure smoke alarms are installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Test them at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

Fact: Most cooking fires in the home involve the stovetop.

- Keep anything that can catch fire oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.
- Always stay in the kitchen when frying on the stovetop.

Fact: Extension cord fires outnumbered fires beginning with permanent or detachable power cords by two-to-one.

- Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use.
- Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.

For more fire safety tips, visit www.nfpa.org/safetytips.

Rialto Fire on Facebook



There's always something happening at the RFD. News updates, emergency updates, community activities, and more. "Like" us on Facebook now to find out, and get other up-to-date activities, incidents, pictures, videos, and more! Join us at https://www.facebook.com/rialtofiredepartment

Public Works

Park Clean Up Days

As part of an effort to make the City Parks a better place to play, the Public Works Department is hosting Park Clean-Up Days on the second Saturday of the month from January through November 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Come join in the raking, trimming, shoveling, sweeping, painting and trash clean-up alongside City's Workers. The dates and locations for 2015 are as follows:

April 18, 2015*	Andreson Park	726 S. Lilac Avenue		
May 9, 2015	Flores Park	1020 W. Etiwanda Avenue		
June 13, 2015	Jerry Eaves Park	1485 N. Ayala Drive		
July 11, 2015	Fergusson Park	2395 W. Sunrise Avenue		
August 8, 2015	Frisbie Park	1901 N. Acacia Avenue		
September 12, 2015	Birdsall Park	2611 N. Linden Avenue		
October 10, 2015Kristina Dana HendricksonRiverside Avenue/Second Street Cultural Center/Women's Club				
November 14, 2015	Metrolink Station/Downtown	261 S. Palm Avenue		

Reporting Street Light Outages

On February 2, 2015 Southern California Edison (SCE) implemented changes to the streetlight outage (Neighborhood Streetlights) reporting process in an attempt to improve the process and speed by which SCE manages streetlight outages.

If you have issues with your streetlight not working properly you can now visit the SCE Outage Center website at www.sce.com/outagecenter and submit your request in the "Report a Street Light Outage" page or you can contact SCE directly at (800) 611-1911 to report the outage.

The City maintains the specialty streetlights in the downtown area that have a decorative look to them. If you experience a problem with those streetlights you can contact the Public Works Department at (909) 820-2602 and we will submit a work order for repair.

Engineering Division

During the month of March, the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department completed the following:

- Grants Accepted. On December 9, 2015, the City of Rialto submitted a grant application to CalRecycle in a not to exceed amount of \$250,000 for the Rubberized Pavement Grant. Through this grant, CalRecycle will reimburse the cost difference between conventional asphalt and Rubberized Asphalt Concrete (RAC) for various road resurfacing projects. Staff was notified by CalRecycle on February 18, 2015, of a grant award in the amount of \$233,058 and at the Council Meeting of March 24, 2015, City Council approved the acceptance of the grant. The City used more than 5,000 tons of RAC in our last completed street resurfacing project. The RAC material used must contain a minimum of 300 pounds (equivalent to 15% by weight) of the tire-derived crumb rubber per ton of RAC material and the project must utilize crumb rubber derived from 100% California waste tires per the requirements of the grant. The City will use approximately 33,294 tons of RAC for period of FY2013/14 to FY2017/18.
- Contracts Awarded. The City Council awarded a Construction Contract to West-Tech Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$894,252.47 for the Rialto Airport Demolition Phase 2 Project.

Land Developments

The following developments were under construction, approved for construction, or in the plan checking review process:

• Developments Currently Under Construction

- Medline Industries Development of a 1,070,320 sq. ft. Warehouse Distribution Facility located at the northwest corner of Miro Way and Locust Avenue.
- ➤ 104 Unit Apartment Complex Development of a 104 Unit Apartment Complex on a 4.78 acre parcel of land located on the west side of Riverside Avenue approximately 500 feet south of Merrill Avenue

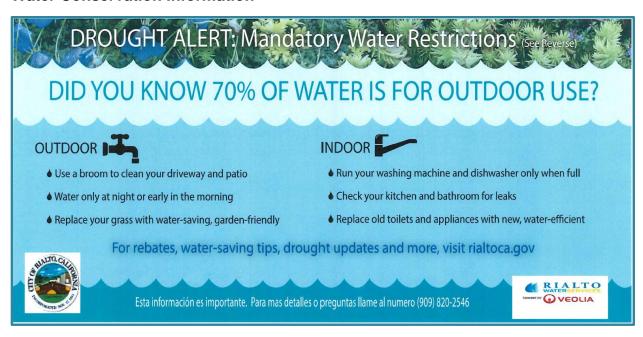
• Plan Checks in Review

- ➤ Rialto Unified School District Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Station Phase 1 development of two fast-fill vehicle fueling pumps and a roof structure, a CNG equipment enclosure to house three storage tanks, two CNG compressors and a backup generator located at 195 South Lilac Avenue.
- Renaissance Parkway, Locust Avenue, and Linden Avenue Improvements Street, Storm Drain, Sewer, and Street Light Improvement Plans on Renaissance

Parkway between Alder Avenue and Ayala Avenue, on Locust Avenue between Renaissance Parkway and Walnut Street, and on Linden Avenue between Renaissance Parkway and Walnut Street.

- ➤ Walnut Avenue and Laurel Avenue Improvements Street, Storm Drain, and Street Light Improvement Plans on Walnut Avenue between Alder Avenue to Laurel Avenue and on Laurel Avenue between Walnut Street to South of Renaissance Parkway.
- **Transportation Permits.** A total of 42 Annual and Single Trip Transportation Permits were processed and issued to various companies.
- **Encroachment Permits.** A total of 16 encroachment permits were process and issued for work to be performed by the utility companies.

Water Conservation Information











FREE LANDSCAPE CLASS

Learn how to make your yard efficient and beautiful

Join us for a FREE landscape class:

When: Saturday, May 30, 2015

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Where: West Valley Water District

855 West Base Line Road, Rialto

Please call (909) 875-1804 extension 300 or email us at conservation@wvwd.org to reserve your seat!

This encore class will introduce homeowners to conservation practices and their importance for all residents. We will focus on water-efficient landscaping, use of California-native and drought-tolerant plants, healthy soils, lawn alternatives, and efficient irrigation practices. Each attendee will receive a water saving device and have a chance to win a rain barrel!

Class size is limited. Sign up TODAY!

Solid Waste Management News

Special Event



CITY OF RIALTO Earth Day 2015



Date: Saturday, April 18, 2015 Time: 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Registration/Lunch
Public Works Yard
246 S. Willow Avenue

Event Schedule:

7:30 am - Registration

8:00 am - Opening Ceremony

8:15-12:00 - Clean-up Activities

12:00-1:00 - Lunch

Please call if you are interested in volunteering:

Amy Crow (909) 421-7221 acrow@rialtoca.gov

Or

Public Works Department (909) 820-2602

Volunteers assigned to remote locations need to provide their own transportation to and from the locations. Thank you.

Household Hazardous Waste

During March, the Household Hazardous Waste Site served 132 residents. They brought in 335 gallons of used motor oil, 6 pallets of paint, 4 drums of miscellaneous poisons and other toxic liquids, plus 6 barrels of sharps.

During the month of April, the site will be open on Friday and Saturday the 10th and 11th and Friday and Saturday the 24th and 25th from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon.

